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Addendum

91/__. United Nations Population Fund

A

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and taking into account the views expressed by delegations at the thirty-eighth session (1991) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/216 of 21 December 1990 on population and development,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1990 (DP/1991/28, parts I, II and III), including the special section on the implementation of modified criteria in designating priority countries;

2. Encourages all countries to initiate, increase or resume, as appropriate, contributions in 1991 and future years and to make their payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

3. Notes with satisfaction the report on the implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Population Fund's assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1991/33), encourages the Fund to continue to direct its assistance to the priority areas of the strategy (namely, (a) intensifying public information, education and communication programmes to encourage attitudinal change; (b) encouraging the integration of population into development planning and the formulation and implementation of population policies; (c) supporting birth-spacing/family planning information and service programmes; and (d) contributing to the improvement of the status of women) as well as to institutional strengthening; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the continued implementation of the strategy, including proposals on ways and means of addressing the constraints noted in the report;

4. Also notes with satisfaction the status report on the implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development (DP/1991/32); welcomes the increasing proportion of women on the staff of the United Nations Population Fund; approves the extension of the strategy for another four years (1991-1994), addressing in particular the priority areas outlined in the concluding section of the report (namely, (a) design of comprehensive training programmes; (b) development of a comprehensive reporting mechanism; (c) improvement of the technical dimension of assistance to women, population and development programming; and (d) strengthening of links with local non-governmental organizations); encourages the Fund to implement policy guidelines on the promotion of women in all population activities it assists; and requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) on the status of the implementation of the strategy;

5. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on contraceptive requirements and demand for contraceptive commodities in developing countries in the 1990s (DP/1991/34) and recognizes the importance of the cost-effective and adequate supply and distribution of contraceptives to developing countries;

6. Requests the United Nations Population Fund, in cooperation with interested parties, to develop and refine at the request of the countries concerned country-specific estimates for contraceptive needs that would take into account condom requirements for the prevention of human immune deficiency virus infection (HIV)/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and would include estimates for the cost of logistical requirements and for the improvement of the transport, storage, distribution and management of contraceptives;

7. Notes the existing contraceptive procurement facilities within the United Nations Population Fund and the opportunity for developing countries to avail themselves of its services, if they so wish;

8. Requests the United Nations Population Fund to assist the development of local production facilities, where feasible, with due attention

to international quality standards; and encourages the United Nations Population Fund to help developing countries improve the quality of locally produced contraceptives;

9. Further requests the United Nations Population Fund to assist developing countries to build up national capacity, with a view to achieving self-reliance in the area of contraceptive supply and management;

10. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue working with a consultative group of interested parties in order to exchange and update information and to seek to increase resources for the provision of contraceptives;

11. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to submit as part of the annual report a progress report on the implementation of paragraphs 5 through 10;

12. Notes the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to integrate HIV/AIDS prevention activities in maternal and child health and family planning programmes and encourages the Fund to continue to work in close cooperation with the World Health Organization and other relevant agencies in this work;

13. Further notes the preparatory process for the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994, which includes, inter alia, regional meetings and conferences, to be convened by the respective United Nations regional commissions, and six expert group meetings corresponding to the six main issues requiring special attention; encourages countries that are able to do so to make voluntary contributions towards the costs of the Conference and its preparatory process; and requests the Executive Director to inform the Council at its regular sessions on the preparations for the Conference, including the status of financial arrangements;

14. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's 1991 State of World Population report entitled "Choice or Chance?"; reaffirms that free choice in the matter of family size is a fundamental human right for both women and men; endorses the view that family planning contributes to the health and security of women, children, the family, the community and the nation; recognizes that voluntary use of family planning methods contributes to integrating population activities in the efforts to achieve sustained development world wide; calls upon the Fund to increase its efforts both to deliver family planning services to all who need them and to reinforce information and education programmes in support of family planning; and further calls upon the Fund to continue to increase awareness through its public information activities in both developed and developing countries on issues relating to population and development;

15. Takes note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the United Nations Population Fund to promote awareness of the linkages among population, the environment and development and encourages the Executive Director to work in close cooperation with the secretariat of the United

Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and other concerned bodies to ensure that population is given an appropriate place in the substantive agenda of the Conference in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

16. Requests the Executive Director, in view of the emphasis in General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, on, inter alia, the need to ensure maximum utilization of national execution of projects, to submit for the consideration and approval of the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) draft guidelines on national execution, taking into account the previous experience of the United Nations Population Fund in this area;

17. Stresses the importance of enhancing coordination of population activities at the national level, under the overall guidance of national authorities, as well as the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen national capacity and utilization of local and regional expertise and competence in this regard; also stresses the need for continued strong support by the United Nations Population Fund to the regional commissions in their efforts to promote population activities at the regional and national levels, provided it is requested by the developing countries; welcomes the concrete progress that has been made in collaborative efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund and requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to enhance further such efforts; looks forward to the joint report on collaborative programme activities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, which is to be submitted to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992); and requests the Executive Director to submit to the Council at its fortieth session (1993) a similar report on collaborative programme activities with the World Bank and regional development banks, covering, inter alia, United Nations Population Fund activities in the social dimensions of structural adjustment programmes;

18. Further requests the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) a proposal for a medium-term operational strategy, presenting the United Nations Population Fund's evolving role and functions in the coming years and their implications in terms of organizational adaptations and quantitative and qualitative staffing requirements at headquarters and in the field, considering the evolution of needs and means in the field of population and the necessity to promote an optimal division of labour and sharing of responsibilities among the different partners;

19. Expresses concern over the relatively modest increase in voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1991, especially in view of projected annual resource increments needed to reach the target of allocations to population activities from all sources of $9 billion per year by the year 2000, endorsed by the Governing Council in decision 90/35 of 20 June 1990 and by the General Assembly in resolution 45/216 of 21 December 1990, and requests the Executive Director to take into account the possibility of the continuation of such contribution patterns in future

budgeting and programming and to seek every means possible to increase the effectiveness and impact of existing resources.

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The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1992-1995 and request for approval authority (DP/1991/30) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved United Nations Population Fund programmes and projects (DP/1991/31),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 12 to 34 of document DP/1991/30 with the proviso that the level of the operational reserve shall be modified (from 25 per cent of expected voluntary contributions to 20 per cent) as noted in paragraph 19 of decision 91/__;

2. Reiterates the need, as emphasized in Governing Council decision 90/35 B of 20 June 1990, for future allocations of resources to meet the target of an 80 per cent allocation of country programme resources to priority countries by 1994 and, taking into account the specific needs and priorities of individual countries, to reflect sufficiently the priority given to the substantive area of family planning, as set out in Governing Council decision 81/7 of 23 June 1981;

3. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure level in the amount of $201.3 million for 1992;

4. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources for the period 1993-1995, which will have to be adjusted according to actual contributions: $225.7 million for 1993, $255.6 million for 1994 and $281.9 million for 1995.